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TAGS: PINS, SHUM, TO

SUBJECT: PRESS ARTICLE ABOUT POLICE DISRUPTION OF BISHOP'S  
INVESTITURE IN LOME

1. MAY 10 WASHINGTON POST CARRIED AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE NEWS  
ITEM DATELINED VATICAN CITY REPORTING ACCUSATION BY CARDINAL  
ZOUNGRANA (ARCHBISHOP OF OUAGADOUGOU) THAT TOGOLESE POLICE  
DISRUPTED INVESTITURE CEREMONY FOR NEW BISHOP OF ATAKPAME  
IN LOME CATHEDRAL MAY 2. ZOUNGRANA SAID THAT INCIDENT  
OCCURRED AFTER ORIGINAL CEREMONY IN ATAKPAME ON MAY 1 HAD  
BEEN BROKEN UP BY DEMONSTRATORS (INCLUDING ATAKPAME MAYOR  
AND POLICE CHIEF) PROTESTING ELEVATION OF MSGR PHILIPPE  
KOSSI KPODZRO. ATAKPAME DEMONSTRATORS REPORTEDLY CARRIED  
BANNERS SAYING KPODZRO WOULD ONLY QUOTE CONTINUE THE SUB-  
VERSION OF EYADEMA'S GOVERNMENT UNQUOTE. DURING LOME  
CEREMONY MAY 2, POLICE AND CIVILIANS ALLEGELY FORCED THEIR  
WAY INTO CATHEDRAL AND ORDERED ALL PRESENT TO LEAVE  
IMMEDIATELY. VISITING BISHOP FROM CONAKRY TEMPORARILY  
RESTORED CALM, ARTICLE STATES, BUT POLICE AND CIVILIANS  
ATTACKED CONGREGATION JUST AS CEREMONY WAS COMPLETED.

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2. FORMER TOGOLESE AMBASSADOR TO US MAWUSSI TOLD AF/W

DEPUTY DIRECTOR LAST WEEK THAT ATAKPAME INVESTITURE CEREMONY HAD BEEN DISRUPTED. HOWEVER, HE CLAIMED THAT POLICE IN LOME WERE CALLED TO CATHEDRAL ONLY TO PROTECT THOSE INSIDE FROM DEMONSTRATORS WHO HAD ARRIVED FROM ATAKPAME IN ATTEMPT TO AGAIN DISRUPT INVESTITURE. ACCORDING TO MAWUSSI POLICE WERE UNABLE TO MAINTAIN ORDER, AND DEMONSTRATORS BROKE INTO CATHEDRAL.

3. COPY OF ARTICLE BEING POUCHED. KISSINGER

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